

Bethel United Church of Christ
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Bethel United Church of Christ November 2010 Newsletter

Our Mission Statement:

We are seeking the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit,
and the faithful response of our congregation to:

- Spread God's Word,
- Reach out to the community and world by imitating Christ's service,
- Share the comfort of knowing Jesus Christ, and
- Grow in the knowledge and love of God in Christ.

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Pastor's Letter



Ministry Musings – November 2010

Not long ago, after my father had surgery, I was sitting in his hospital room and I began thinking about wisdom. A funny place to have thoughts of wisdom! In Proverbs Chapter 3 it says “The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens.” My father’s room was on the top floor of the hospital, and his bed was on the window side of the room. As I sat gazing out the window at the city life below, I thought of the quote “Where you stand determines what you see.” Sitting seven floors above the ground provides a different perspective than the one experienced walking to my car in the hospital parking lot. From above, I reflect on all the life going on around me. How the cars, almost as small as ants, have a purpose and a destination and are going somewhere. I also get a glimpse of the landscape, including buildings piercing the skyline, and colors of orange and red and green splashed on the trees which seem to be engulfing the city buildings. I am reminded that God’s kingdom too, is always encroaching on our lives. As we pray for God’s kingdom to come (as we do each Sunday), and God begins to answer, we may sense changes in our life. During this time it may feel like we’ve lost our way: Out of tune, out of rhythm, out of balance. Out of step. Perhaps an old feeling surfaces, so that we can learn something new and move forward to a new place. Maybe our attention is being diverted to a new focus so we can find and experience another lesson. Sometimes the form or shape of our life is changing dramatically. The old picture is being erased so a new one can be drawn. Familiar people are leaving; new people are entering. We may ache, feel irritable, and doubt the course of our entire journey. We may doubt whether the magical way we were living was even real and whether the magic will ever return. Our delight is gone. But, as we trust that God’s work is being done in the process, we must also learn to let the changes happen. We are told in Philippians that “I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” (1:6) God’s perfecting process requires change. So remember, allow the changes to happen. And during these times particularly, take extra loving care of yourself. Be attentive to what you need. The magic isn’t gone, it hasn’t disappeared. You’re just going through a shift. That means things are moving, and movement is good. The delight returns. We see in Revelation that God assures us, “Behold, I make all things new.” (21:5) As we enter the Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for the way God shows us that it is O.K. to let go, just like the trees: They let go of their leaves then wait expectantly for a new set of clothes in the spring. God delights to move us into the new. Will you go?

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Diane

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Mission of the Month

**BEAUMONT ELEMENTARY
FAMILIES**

Military Prayer Requests

Sr. Medical Technician Penny Barker
Staff Sergeant Nicholas Barker
SPC Benjamin Duhamel
PV2 Eric Stewart
HM1 Michelle Teschner
—1st Class Petty Officer
SGT. Brandon Yarbrough
PFC Robert Yarbrough
SGT. Jeffrey Bussard

Bethel Ministry of Prayer

Here at Bethel

Lillian Bailey, Bettie Kluesner,
Kathy Petrik, Chris Struthers
Mardell Williams, Peggy Austin
Les & Marge Hotchkiss
Rita Milner

Bethel Friends

David Dinger, Todd Hensel,
Pat Howell (Shirley Milligan's Sister)
Ryan Morrissey, Betty Jean Mulanix,
Carol Shew
Dwayne & Betty Baker
(Pastor Baker's In-Laws)
Joe D. (Friend of Paul Crook)
Ralph & Diane Mueller
Nancy McNeff (friend of Dot)
Bill Cote (Cousin to Karen Crook)



Hi everybody! Lance and I have been out of state for over two weeks and we have missed you all, but I have collected many good sayings to use in the no-gossip column. We had a good time visiting with my sister, Alberta. She is 76 years old and runs rings around me. I think it is the mountain air and God being very good to Alberta. She has a wonderful philosophy about life's problems. Either lead, follow or get out of her way. For the last 3 years she has headed up the fall craft show for her church.

She told everyone this is the final year because it is such hard work but the Sunday after the sale with over \$900 to give to the church she was talking about what they can do different next year. She feels great satisfaction working for the church and this year she saw how the entire congregation was working and following her lead. Can you tell that I'm proud of my sister??

November, what a special month. When I was younger November meant Thanksgiving and wonderful eats with our whole family. Good memories and good feelings. As I grew older November represents voting month and that is okay, voting at the first of the month and eating (Thanksgiving) toward the end of the month. Alberta and I talked over politics and religion while we were in North Carolina and come to a good conclusion. Vote the way our founding fathers would want us to vote. Jesus told the people in regard to paying taxes, *"Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and give to God the things that are God's."* LK 20: 25. Jesus was very careful about obeying the law, but He had to be true to his God and not follow all Jewish laws. On November 2nd we will be voting on "Man's laws" with a spiritual heart. As Jesus' disciples we should be discerning about world events.

Patrick Henry, is famous for his American Revolution quote *"Give me liberty or give me death"*, but few have heard the complete statement he made in 1775.

Patrick Henry said, *"An appeal to arms and the God of hosts is all that is left us. But we shall not fight our battle alone. There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."*

A year later 1776, Patrick Henry said, *"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."* Mr. Henry did not leave God out of his thoughts or speeches. Religion was very much in the minds and hearts of the founding fathers. Abraham Lincoln said, *"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."* Good advice any time but especially on November 2nd.

Nola WFIM (With Foot In Mouth)

Youseetimmy: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."
(Abraham Lincoln)

Be who you are and say what you feel... because those that matter... don't mind...
and those that mind...don't matter!

November 2010

Council News, November 2010

You may find this edition of the Council News just a little bit different than the usual dry stuff about what the Council did or didn't do in the course of their meeting.

Your duly elected president of the council played hooky from the October meeting to enjoy a vacation in the Smokey Mountains with his lovely wife, Nola. We traveled across Ohio and spent one night in Jackson, Ohio. We crossed the Ohio River at Ironton, OH into Ashland, Kentucky which is in the very eastern part of the state. That appears to be a rather poor portion of KY with lots of trucks hauling coal. But after a few hours on the road we crossed into Virginia, (yes, get a map and follow US23, the same one that goes around Ann Arbor) then Tennessee and finally into North Carolina. It's interesting that we can follow US23 from Ann Arbor to within about 3 miles of my sister-in-law's house just outside of Franklin, NC

Anyway, we helped Alberta, Nola's sister with a craft sale that her church sponsored. We loafed a lot. We did some shopping at a huge used book store. We took in a few garage sales. I actually read a complete novel and got about half way through a second one. It's great to sit on Alberta's back porch with my feet propped up with a cup of coffee or bottle of pop and a good book and let the rest of the world go by.

But, as everyone knows, all good things must come to an end so we finally had to head home. We drove across the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. Usually the leaves in the fall are just gorgeous but this time, it was mostly dull yellow and brown with only an occasional bright spot. The most remarkable thing was trying to get through Pigeon Forge and Sevierville, Tennessee. Cars were bumper to bumper in all lanes. It took us about 2 ½ hours to go 20 miles. Once we reached the Interstate, then we had no trouble. The only thing unusual was the amount of traffic on Interstate 75. It was very light compared to other times I have driven the same route (I'M NOT COMPLAINING.) and we arrived home safe and sound.

Please forgive me for boring you with a travel log rather than the business of the church. I promise to bore you with the dry council doings next month. That is, if time permits between the council meeting on November 8 and we leave for North Carolina again on November 12.

As always, God Bless!

Lance Shew, Council President

p.s. Just a reminder that all are welcome to attend the Council meetings.

**HOLIDAY NIGHTS
IN GREENFIELD VILLAGE
December 4, 10-11, 17-23, 26-27, 2010
6:30 PM-10PM**

Step into a Christmas card from the past and travel through time on a lantern-lit path to the holidays of long ago.

Order tickets Today! Dates do sell out!

Thehenryford.org/HolidayNights

For more information call 313-982-6001



Missions

In August we collected school supplies and \$120.00. This we contributed to Beaumont Elementary, next door.

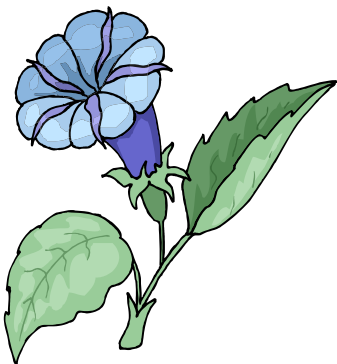
In September we sponsored the Crop Walk, which supplies Open Door, Meals on Wheels, etc. For this we collected \$286.00

October mission was the Haven, which offers shelter and help to battered women and children, and others in desperate situation.

For November our mission will be Families in Beaumont Elementary. Our hope is to provide Thanksgiving dinner baskets for families in need.

Thank You for all of your contributions. This is such a heartfelt way we can show how much we really do care.

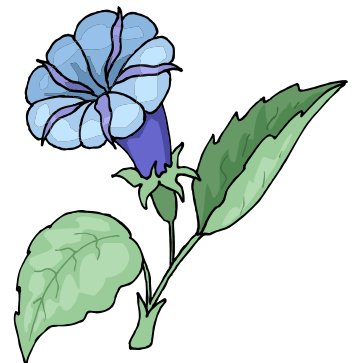
Mission Committee
Shirley and Dorothy



Benevolent Contributions thru September

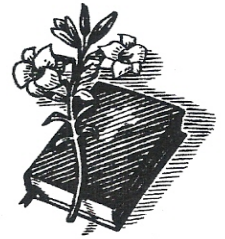
Altar Flowers	23.00
Baldwin Center	120.00
Open Door	150.00
Haiti Relief	120.00
O.G.H.S.	120.00
Grace Centers of Hope	155.00
Penny Baker Care Package	286.00
Open Door/ Julie K. Run	200.00
Light House	100.00
School Supplies	80.00
Crop Walk	286.00

Gary Bussard
Financial Secretary





MEMORIALS



TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

October Memorials

In Remembrance

James R. Sprague
Born: June 13, 1942
Died: Aug. 02, 2010

Alfred Bean Blossom
Born: Nov. 14, 1928
Died: Sept. 26, 2010

James Robert Bussard
Born: Jan. 16, 1929
Died: Oct. 18, 2008

Carolyn Sue White
Born: Jan. 19, 1938
Died: Oct. 16, 2009

Presented By

Les & Marge Hotchkiss

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Jane Ellen Bussard

Jane Ellen Bussard
Virginia Hudnell

November



Mr. & Mrs. Les Hotchkiss

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Peggy Austin	4
Mary Wellemeyer	6
Ed Matthews	9
Lisa White	11
Iris Davis	12
Lance Shew	12
Mardell Williams	22



New Addresses



Pause and Give Thanks

Wherever you find yourself today,
Weather filled with joy or wrapped in pain,
Remember to pause a moment and give thanks
For no other event in our history and time,
Can change our lives like the birth of Christ— so
Divine.

His love never failing, and His presence always near
The greatest wonder in Heaven, on Christmas did appear.
God's gift full of grace that brings life, love, and hope,
Can be unwrapped by us all—changing life's scope.
For when we invite His life into our hearts,
No love is greater than that He imparts.
So wherever you find yourself today,
Remember to pause and give thanks,
For He is the Truth and the Way!

2007– Carolyn Lynn Schwartz



Happy Thanksgiving

COMING IN DECEMBER

Ladies Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Thursday, December 2nd at 12 Noon
In the fellowship hall

Bring a dish to pass and a **FRIEND!**

Table service, coffee and tea
Will be provided

Join us for a time of gathering of friends
during the
CHRISTMAS SEASON



RSVP to Marge Hotchkiss
By Sunday Nov. 28th
248-334-0703

NOVEMBER 08, 2010
COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

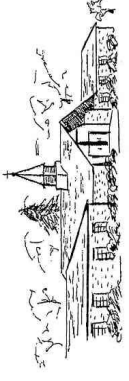
Star Of Wonder rehearsals are going very well.
Everyone is excited and having fun!
Thanks for all the snacks!



A word on our Mission this month

**Our hope is to provide Thanksgiving Dinners
for families in need at Beaumont Elementary!**

November 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6 Star of Wonder Rehearsal 10 am - noon
7 Blood Pressure Sunday	8 Council Meeting 6:00	9 QQ 9 -1 pm	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13 Fall Clean up
14	15	16 QQ 9 -1 pm	17	18 ** Ladies lunch 12:30	19	20 Star of Wonder Rehearsal 10 am- noon
21	22	23 QQ 9 -1 pm	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving	26 ** Adult Dinner 6:00 pm	27 Hanging of the Greens 9:00
28	29	30 QQ 9 -1 pm				
					**Location to be Announced	